

**CLAIMS**

What is claimed is:

1. A networked computing apparatus, comprising:  
a business message sender component coupled to a network interface, the network  
interface not being coupled to an always-active listening component; and  
a processing component coupled to the sender component to process a business message  
or a polling request for transfer to another networked computing apparatus.  
  
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2. The apparatus as claimed in claim 1 further including a data store to store business  
messages or receipt acknowledgements.
3. The apparatus as claimed in claim 1 further including a hub being coupled to the sender  
component to transfer a business message between networked computing apparatuses.
4. The apparatus as claimed in claim 2 wherein the processing component retains a business  
message in the data store until a polling message is received from another networked  
computing apparatus.

5. The apparatus as claimed in claim 2 wherein the processing component retains a business message in the data store until another business message is received from another networked computing apparatus.

6. A networked computing system, comprising:

a first networked computing apparatus including a first business message sender component coupled to a first network interface, the first network interface not being coupled to an always-active listening component, and a first processing component

5                         coupled to the first sender component to process a business message or a polling request for transfer to another networked computing device; and

a second networked computing apparatus including a second business message sender component coupled to a second network interface, the network interface not being coupled to an always-active listening component, and a second processing component coupled to the sender component to process a business message or a polling request for transfer to another networked computing device, the second networked computing apparatus being coupled to the first networked computing apparatus via a network.

10                         7. The system as claimed in claim 6 wherein the first networked computing apparatus further including a data store to store business messages or receipt acknowledgements.

8. The apparatus as claimed in claim 6 further including a hub being coupled between the first sender component and the second sender component to transfer a business message between networked computing apparatuses.

9. The apparatus as claimed in claim 7 wherein the first processing component retains a business message in the data store until a polling message is received from the second networked computing apparatus.

10. The apparatus as claimed in claim 7 wherein the processing component retains a business message in the data store until another business message is received from another networked computing apparatus.

11. A method comprising:

sending a polling message from a first networked computing apparatus to a second networked computing apparatus;

receiving a response message with a business message from the second networked computing apparatus in response to the polling message, the response message further including information indicating whether additional messages are waiting for transfer to the first networked computing apparatus.

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12. The method as claimed in claim 11 further including storing a business message or receipt acknowledgement for subsequent transfer to another networked computing apparatus.

13. The method as claimed in claim 11 further including routing the polling message and the response message with the business message through a hub.

14. The method as claimed in claim 12 further including retaining a business message in a data store until a polling message is received from another networked computing apparatus.

15. The method as claimed in claim 12 further including retaining a business message in a data store until another business message is received from another networked computing apparatus.

16. The method as claimed in claim 11 wherein the polling message is an HTTP POST message.

17. The method as claimed in claim 11 wherein the response message is an HTTP POST message.

18. An article of manufacture comprising:

a computer useable medium having computer readable program instructions embodied thereon for causing a processor to send a polling message from a first networked computing apparatus to a second networked computing apparatus, the computer useable medium also having computer readable program instructions embodied thereon for causing the processor to receive a response message with a business message from the second networked computing apparatus in response to the polling message, the response message further including information indicating whether

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additional messages are waiting for transfer to the first networked computing apparatus.

19. The article of manufacture as claimed in claim 18 wherein the polling message is an HTTP POST message.

20. The article of manufacture as claimed in claim 18 wherein the response message is an HTTP POST message.